#### City of Alexandria, Virginia

### **BRAC Neighborhood Parking**

February 10, 2011
Beatley Library
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm



# BRAC-133 Impact on Parking

Goal: To develop a BRAC Neighborhood Parking Plan that

- Protects residential neighborhoods from BRAC commuter parking.
- Has minimal impact on residents.

# Why are commuters a problem?

- Additional volume on local roadways
- Increase air quality issues
- Available parking encourages commuting
- Increased difficulty for residents to find parking near homes
- Residential Permit Parking Program

# BRAC Neighborhood Parking Plan

What does the Plan address?

 Potential BRAC commuter parking in residential areas.

# BRAC Neighborhood Parking Plan

#### What DOESN'T the Plan address?

- Existing commuter parking issues (including parking by transit stops)
- Overflow apartment parking
- Litter on sidewalks
- Existing heavy parking during evenings and weekends
- Private parking lots and roadways

# What if my neighborhood is experiencing those issues?

#### Parking Programs already in place:

- Residential Permit Parking Program
- Overnight Parking District

#### **Existing Parking Programs:**

- Not related to BRAC
- Can be investigated separately yet concurrently with BRAC Parking Plan
- Program and Plan may overlap

# Why are we here?

- Recognition of potential parking problem in BRAC area
- No existing proactive parking program
- Community input on establishment of proactive program
- Prevent BRAC commuter parking in residential neighborhoods

# How did we get here?

- Neighborhood Representatives invited to discuss issue
- Discussion of Residential Permit Parking Program (RPPP)
- Concerns with RPPP
  - Cost
  - Need for parking permits
- Proposal of Daytime Parking District

# Neighborhood Feedback

#### First Choice: Daytime Parking District

#### Pros

- Addresses commuter issue
- No cost
- No extra sticker needed
- Open to all City residents
- Easier enforcement

#### Cons

- Need for visitor/guest permits
- Open to all City residents

# Neighborhood Feedback

#### **Second Choice: Multiple RPP Districts**

- Concern: Smaller RPP Districts needed

#### Pros

- Customizable/extendable times
- Short-term visitor parking allowed without permit

#### Cons

- Cost for permits
- Short-term parking allowed without permit

# Parking Plan Clarification

If the Daytime Parking District is established and it does not address the BRAC commuting issue, the Residential Permit Parking Program can then be pursued.

# Parking Plan Clarification

The passage of the BRAC Neighborhood Parking Plan enables your neighborhood to have the option of activating the parking restrictions.

Your street cannot activate (put into place) ANY parking restrictions without at least 50% support from each block face as shown by petition.

# Parking Plan Clarification

The City is offering a way to establish residential parking protection BEFORE an issue occurs.

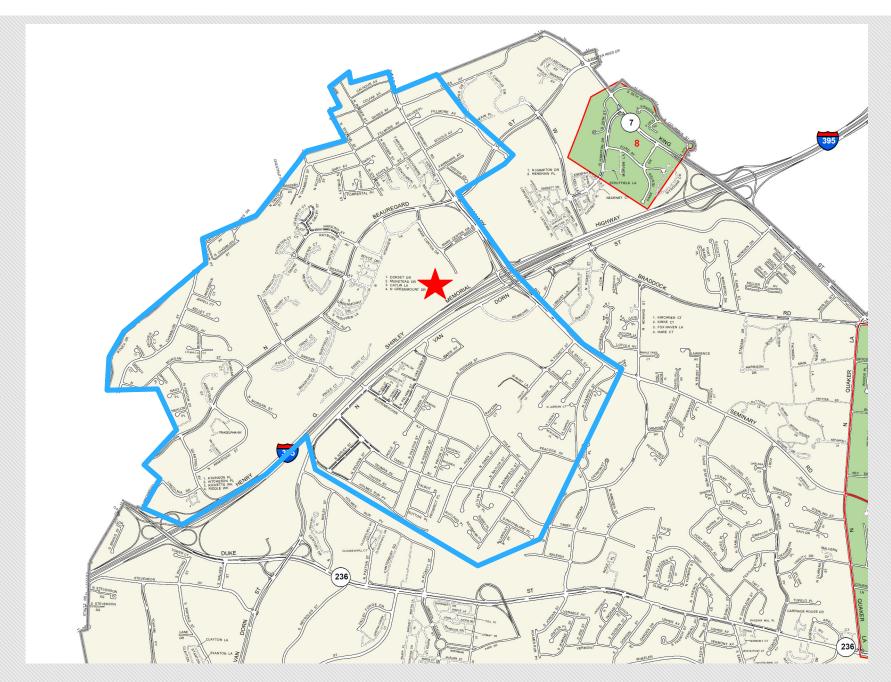
This proactive approach is not currently available in the City Code, but the offer is supported by Council for the BRAC-impacted neighborhoods.

The City is not requiring any neighborhoods to accept this offer.

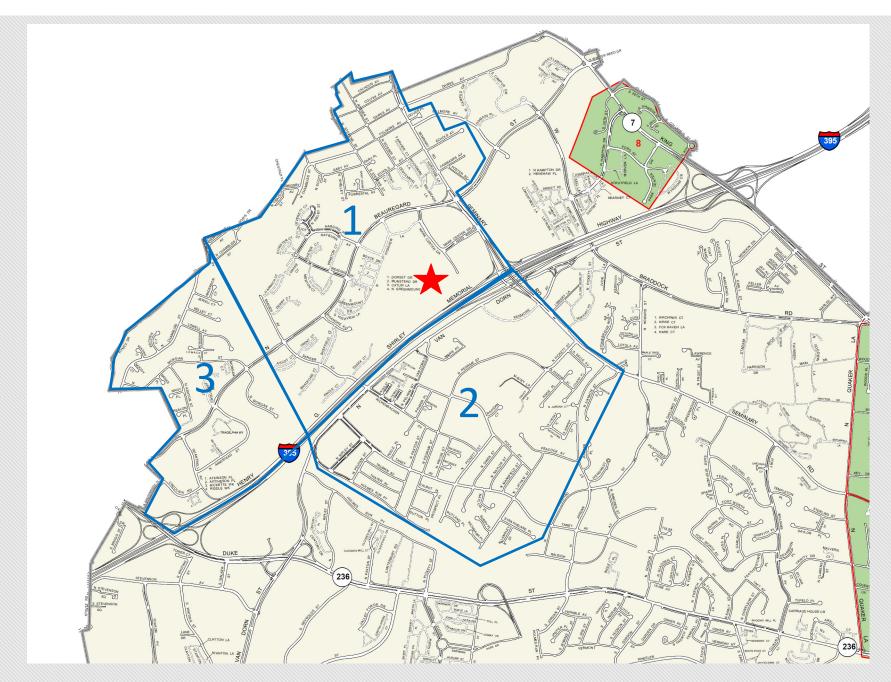
# Timeline

August 2010 - February 1, 2011	Staff gathers input from BRAC-133 area neighborhood representatives
February 10, 2011	Resident feedback meeting
March 28, 2011	Traffic & Parking Board Meeting and Public Hearing
April 2011	Staff drafts modifications to City Code for parking protection plan
May 9, 2011	Staff presents proposed Code modifications to City Council at legislative meeting
May 2011 (Date TBA)	City Council Public Hearing
June 2011	Reserved for modifications and return to Council if necessary
July & August 2011	Residential blocks petition for modifications and signage is installed

# Questions and Comments?



RECOMMENDED DAYTIME PARKING DISTRICT FOR BRAC IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS



RECOMMENDED PERMIT PARKING DISTRICTS FOR BRAC IMPACTED NEIGHBORHOODS